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1. ALGERIAN MEDIA HAVE HIGHLIGHTED FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA'S JUNE 10 MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE, BUT-- AS IS OFTEN THE CASE ON SUCH OCCASIONS -- THEY HAVE REVEALED LITTLE OF ITS TONE AND SUBSTANCE.
2. UNDER HEADLINE "BOUTEFLIKA-VANCE TALKS IN WASHINGTON. BILATERAL RELATIONS AND SITUATION IN AFRICA DISCUSSED", LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN FRENCH "EL MOUDJAHID" STATED JUNE 12 THAT "MR. BOUTEFLIKA AND MR. VANCE DISCUSSED PRESENT SITUATION IN AFRICA AND ARAB WORLD AT LENGTH IN WASHINGTON. THEY ALSO EXAMINED DIFFERENT CURRENT INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. AFTER REVIEWING ALGERIAN-U.S. RELATIONS, MINISTERS RAISED SITUATION IN WESTERN SAHARA, FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN MAGHREB REGION AS WELL AS IN CHAD AND ZAIRE, AND PROBLEMS OF DECOLONIZATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NOTABLY NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. ON MIDEAST PROBLEM, IT WAS UNDERLINED THAT NO JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION CAN COME ABOUT WITHOUT

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EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL ARAB PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, PRINCIPALLY PLO, LEGITIMATE REP OF PALESTINIAN EPOPLE."

3. EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG WERE COVERED IN BRIEF ITEM IN JUNE 5 PAPERS WHICH SIMPLY NOTED THAT ALGERIAN-AMERICAN

RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY AFRICA,
HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.HAYNES

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